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MARRIAGE.

On the 18th April, 1924, at St. John's Cathedral,

Hongkong, by the Rev. R. P. Goh, M.A.,

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of croquet, tennis, and football, besides

taking the Sunday holiday. The Hongkong

community used to be truthfully spoken of

as an exceptionally hard working one, and

the tradition still survives, but so far as the

British section is concerned the tradition no

longer corresponds with the facts of the

case. Everyone of course admits the

necessity of a reasonable amount of re-

creation in order to maintain the *mens**in corpore sano*, but it must be

admitted also that it is possible to over-

do the thing, and it would seem that in Hong-

kong the Germans draw the line more

correctly than the British. Then, again,

St. William Robinson says the English

do not keep pace with the times, whereas

the Germans will supply anything that

is required. The cause of this was

hinted at by Mr. BYRON BRENNAN

in one of his recent reports, namely,

that Englishmen are afraid of losing

social tone if they engage in certain forms

of perfectly respectable business which

amongst the Germans are attended with no

social disabilities. We do not know

whether this is due to a difference in na-

tional characteristics or to the particular

circumstances of the case. Perhaps at

Kioohua, when that place becomes a centre

of trade, the boat may be found to be on the

other leg; but with the introduction amongst

the Germans of the official and naval

and military elements social distinc-

tions may be drawn more strictly amongst

them, the merchant may consider that

he can no longer associate with the

retail trader without compromising his

social position, and the young man may be

inspired with the desire to spend as much

time in sports and amusements as the mem-

bers of the garrison, leaving the lion's

share of remunerative work to be done by

Englishmen, as Englishmen in Hongkong

leave to be done by Germans. We do not

anticipate that such will be the case, but

it is within the bounds of possibility. Con-

fining our view solely to Hongkong, how-

ever, there can be no doubt, we think, that

the success of the Germans is due in the first

place to the greater amount of time and at-

tention they devote to business and in the second

place to the fact that they are a united

community whose members would prefer to

do business in the way of each other than

of outsiders, whereas amongst Englishmen

social hostilities often give the

foreigner an opportunity of stepping in and

taking away business that might just as

well be retained in English hands.

There appears to be some defect in the

arrangements made for the prompt removal

of cases of plague after they are reported to

the sanitary authorities. Sometimes as much

as six or seven hours elapse before the re-

moval of the patient takes place, and during

this time the risk of the patient infecting

the other occupants of the house must be

considerable. The matter is one that should

receive the attention of the authorities. The

usual routine is that when a case of infectious

disease is reported the report has to await

the return of the Inspector of Nuisances

for the district, should be at hand at the

time of its receipt, as is generally the case,

for his duties lie for the most part out of

doors. In this way several hours may be

lost before the report is placed in course

of being attended to and another hour or two

may elapse while arrangements are being

made. In times of epidemic it is to be

presumed that special arrangements are

in force for more prompt attention being

given to the reports, but at present these

arrangements, if any exist, do not appear

to be sufficient. If the defect lies in the

slowness of the staff no time ought to be

lost in increasing it to the necessary

strength, for considerations of petty economy

should not be allowed to interfere with the

adoption of adequate measures for coping

with the plague, which is subjecting the

colony to such severe commercial loss.

Even for ordinary times, when there is no

epidemic, the arrangements for the prompt

removal of cases of infectious disease, such

as smallpox, appear to be inadequate.

It is rather singular that no word of protest

has been raised by the shipping community

against the system of medical inspection

now being applied to arrivals from Canton

and Macao, seeing how strong was the feel-

ing expressed against the proposed estab-

lishment of the system as a permanent

institution. The object of medical in-

spection is to keep infection out of the

colony, but it is being applied now

At the request of the Royal Hongkong Golf

Club, the Schools Athletic Sports are further

postponed until Saturday next.

The Governor-General of the Philippines has

recognised Mr. E. H. Dawson, Vice Consul

General Manila, as an honorary citizen of the

United States of America, and the United

States Consul at Manila has accepted of the

honorary citizenship conferred on him by the

Governor-General of the Philippines.

Commander Hastings had before him yesterday

three complainants of the Hong Kong Market

for unjust weights. He fined Pang Tin King

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